BU security extends escort hours

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The Baylor University Police Department has expanded its popular security escort program by adding two hours of service. The security escort program will now be running from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week.

The security escort program offers safe rides to Baylor’s students, staff and visitors. Anyone who is on campus can call to get a ride from a Baylor security officer.

Baylor Chief of Police Brad Wigtil said the time of highest demand for the security escort is from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. In addition, Tuesdays through Thursdays are the busiest days for the escort. One of the most popular spots for escort pick-ups is to and from Moody Memorial Library, he said.

BUPD has an extended patrol response area, EPRA, that extends from campus to their off-campus apartments and houses. “It’s a safety concern and we want to take care of our students,” Wigtil said.

Wigtil said the escort program is mainly aimed for safety of students and safety is the most important concern. Before the expanded hours, there was a supervisor and six security officers on duty from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Wigtil moved three of the six officers to escort from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. to increase to more rides.

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How to get a ride

To request a security escort call: 254-710-2211

For more info on the shuttle system visit Baylor’s Department of Security website.

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Students bike 1,700 miles for charity

BRIDGET SJOBBER

Oakman seeks to move trial

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Dane Allen/Student Life

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New York, Karen Gilliland, California Sen. Kamala Harris, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard have all announced their intentions to run for president as Democrats in 2020. While the election of any one of these candidates would be a historic feat and a significant achievement for the women’s movement, better representation of women in all sectors of society is necessary before we can begin to see true gender equality.

Women make up roughly half of the global population. However, women continue to be grossly underrepresented in U.S. government, business and global politics. Even after the 2018 midterms in which more women were elected to Congress than ever before, women make up only 23.7 percent of the 116th Congress, according to Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. Only 21.8 percent of mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000 are women. Only 25 Fortune 500 company CEOs are women, Business Insider reports. Only 21 women serve as head of state or head of government worldwide, according to UN Women.

At the 2018 United State of Women Summit, former first lady Michelle Obama said people frequently tell her she should run for president. She said this advice “like You Can’t instead of ‘You Can’ is nothing new.” Instead of looking for another person to enter “in chest” she should focus on the change we can make around us, as Obama pointed out, can destroy the election of Barack Obama this year, use his election to create hope for the women in the United States. The candidates are running for president as a woman president. 

Although we are now able to shatter that highest, hardest glass ceiling this time, thanks to you, it’s got about 18 million cracks in it and the light is shining through like never before. All we saw with the hope and the sure knowledge that the path will be a little easier next time. Clinton said.

Looking back 2020, there’s no indication that running for president as a woman will be void of these types of microaggressions. For example, even this early in the race, critics wondered whether Warren would be too “unlikable” to win the electorate. This suggests that any really particular type of woman would be too pushy, not too soft. The double standards women will face in 2020 are nothing new, and they also will not be solved if not too pushy, but not too soft. The double standards women will face in 2020 are nothing new, and they also will not be solved if not enough. It’s easy to regard the U.S. presidency as the pinnacle or the road to equality for women and intrinsically linked to a president that you look to see all your problems.

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Celebrating our 174th Birthday with a “Thank you” to our Hometown

Today we celebrate the 174th anniversary of our University’s founding. And what an amazing history it’s been. It’s a legacy we’ve shared with the City of Waco since 1886.

Our partnership is evident across Central Texas – from the iconic McLane Stadium to the Waco Mammoth National Monument, Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative, the Waco Wetlands and Waco Hall, the historic home of chapel, Sing, and many other traditions and the home-base of the Waco Symphony Orchestra.

For their support and significant contributions to the life and future of Baylor University, we are proud to award the 2019 Founders Medal to the City of Waco.

Thank you, Waco!
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Sundown Sessions 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Head to the SLUB for some late-night fun! Enjoy a movie night featuring Inside Out in the Drawing Room. Blacklight bowling available in the Barfield Drawing Room.

Saturday, February 2

Baylor Lights Basketballs Doubleheader vs. Texas Tech 1 p.m. Get ready to cheer on your Lady Bears as they take on the Red Raiders in the Ferrell Center. Enjoy a special halftime lights for fun and music and a special lights halftime performance.

Monday, February 4

Watch Party 6 p.m. The Bear Pit will host Baylor Gameday at the SLUB, a watch party in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den for the Lady Bears Game against the University of Texas.

Vertical 9-10:15 p.m. Join Vertical Ministries each Monday for a Spirited message at the Ferrell Center

Neighborhood Night 6-8 p.m. Join Spiritual Life every other Tuesday during the school year for dinner at the Boho Spiritual Life Center. It’s open to all students. Come fellowship and learn about different cultures of the world.

Grace Group 6-9 p.m. Christ-centered mental health recovery resource, the Grace Alliance is designed to empower you to manage mental health challenges, improve your daily well-being and renew your faith. The group meets every Tuesday at BARC in East Village.

Wednesday, February 6

Wednesday Chess Night 7 p.m. Hang out with the Baylor Chess Society in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. Chess boards are provided, but bring your board if you have one!

Thursday, February 7

True Crime Examined: Exposure of the Elements of Forensic Science 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dive deep into the history of crime and forensic science as the Mays Fine Arts Center hosts the story telling of The Midnight Assassin: The Hunt for America’s First Serial Killer, a bust-selling novel by Skip Hollandsworth. Enjoy a panel discussion with Hollandsworth, Jim Huggins and Suzanne Baldon, and experience forensic science up close with demonstrations and discussions throughout the museum.

SPOKEN Word Night 9 p.m. Join the Baylor National Association of Black Journalists for the 2019 Spoken Word Night honoring Black History Month in Barfield Drawing Room. Listen to your talented peers as they tell stories through poetry.

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Pruitt Symposium This year’s symposium includes two events and centers on the theme Lord, Make Me An Instrument: Black Sacred Music at the Intersection of Gospel and Jazz

3:30 p.m. Hear from featured speaker, Melvin Butler, Ph.D., associate professor of musicology at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami as he speaks on “Setting in Tune: Gospel Music, Instrumentality and Embodiment” in the Armstrong Browning Library.

6:30 p.m. Night of Tobler Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 1402 Elm Ave., for a Gospel Sing. The event will feature Melvin Butler, Ph.D., associate professor at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, who will be accompanied by Baylor’s own Dr. Martha McDuffie. Bring your board along with local jazz musician Chuck Jennings. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/pruit.
After 39 years of service, the Baylor IHOP officially closed at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The Mayborn Museum Complex opens Eric Carle exhibit

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“The Little Lookbook

Kathleen Cisarik | Junior | Houston

“I would describe my style as simple, but unique at the same time. I love wearing something I feel comfortable in and adding something unique, as well.”

Sweater: Adorn
Belt: Hermes
Handbag: KMC
Jeans: Joe’s Jeans
Shoes: Steve Madden
"The Upside" takes a deep, yet accessible dive into the real-life story that we seldom see in this age, dominated by the big-budget and somewhat inflated films. Director Neil Burger’s film elevates the exploration and running through the airport scene for something that we could all very well experience in our own lives.

The story begins with a flash forward scene that, quite frankly, I perceived to be useless in terms of narration. The rest of the film is pretty unremarkable, until we turn the six-month flash forward scene over when Kevin Hart’s character Dell Scott, is on a career path to get promotion to prove to his parole officer that he’s looking for work. Thinking he’s heading to an interview for a janitorial position, Dell stumbles into an interview for a life assistant position for a wealthy quadriplegic, Phillip Lacasse, played by Bryan Cranston, whom he has hired to care for. Although the film was lack in some areas, the two share remarkable on-screen chemistry. By Bryan Cranstonm whom he has hired to care for. Although the film was lack in some areas, the two share remarkable on-screen chemistry.

The movie might be an acquired taste, as it lacks real conflict, drama and romance — the driving forces of most major films. However, it offers something special to the movie goer who enjoys a good side of life from time to time. The inexplicable chemistry and balance between the male leads is a spectacle in itself. The simplicity and accessible depth of the film provides resonance, reflection and empathy; so, if you’re wanting just a feel-good or just an open-ended nature of the conversations and characters leaves it to the audience to make assumptions, which reflects how life really is. I enjoyed the feeling of just watching a group of stories beautifully unified before me. While riddled with cliches, some unique and others not, the real disappointments I experienced with the film were the introduction scene and the ending. The flash forward at the start and a panoshing into the easier ending felt like an easy in and easy out. The aerial storytelling of the rest of the film warranted more creative bookends, in my opinion.

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2019
Ball is life: Freshman phenom focused on basketball, family

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After being nationally ranked No. 13 coming out of high school, Texas native and Baylor women’s basketball forward NaLyssa Smith is one of six freshmen playing for head coach Kim Mulkey this season.

On the season, Smith has 189 points, a .561 field goal percentage (79-139) and 114 rebounds with an average of 6.4 per game.

Transitioning from high school to college, Smith had offers to play at South Carolina, Ohio State and Louisville before settling down at Baylor. She said her decision mostly came from Baylor giving her a commuter environment, with a supportive, open and lights-hearted team.

Even with basketball being one of her top priorities, Smith said that family comes first. She said her relationship with her brother and parents is tight-knit and a huge source of motivation, especially when she looks for strength.

"Professionally, I look up to WNBA star Candace Parker as a player because she does everything overall. She’s a good person," Smith said. "And anybody that I look up to has to be my brother or my dad. My family, basically, because they’re all strong people. They’re all super positive — my brother is my best friend. My family is super close."

Her tight relationship with her family has been permanent place on her body. To remind her of her humble beginnings and to always stay positive and focused, Smith has tattoos on each of her left forefinger and the second on her right hand.

"This one says ‘When I fall low, Father help me to rise.’ It just reminds me that if I’m feeling down to always know that God is on my side," Smith said. "There’s one tattoo on each of my legs. I say ‘family forever’ in Chinese."

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